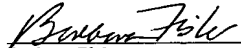


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Prior to taking up the case for examination, please amend the application as follows: